

Trauma and Injury Prevention Section

Annual In-Person Meeting – Scientific Assembly

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Location: Salt Palace Convention Center, Level 1, Room 150ABC

Time: 1:30–3:30 p.m

Attendance Recorded

- Ryan McBride
- Kristen Donaldson
- Neehar Kundurti
- Benjamin DeYoung
- M. Bruce Parker
- Jeremy Ackerman
- G. Luke Larkin

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Dr. Kristen Donaldson called the meeting to order. She provided an overview of the Section's purpose and clarified the distinction between a Section and a Committee. Dr. Donaldson also gave a Council update, noting that TIPS endorsed two resolutions.

2. Section Collaboration and Meeting Cadence

- Dr. Jeremy Ackerman (Tactical & Law Enforcement Section) encouraged inter-section collaboration.
- They reviewed results from the member survey, which indicated strong interest in quarterly meetings to enhance information sharing and cross-pollination among relevant sections and stakeholders.
- The Tactical Section previously hosted a webinar with a pediatrician at Emory regarding the importance of tactical and law enforcement medicine engagement in firearm safety and prevention efforts.

3. Partnerships and Policy Discussion

- Dr. Larkin suggested exploring partnerships with ENA and similar organizations.

- He discussed Council activities and the potential value of involving an Alternate Councillor more actively.
- Dr. Larkin proposed collaboration with the Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Forensic Medicine Sections on issues such as child abuse and intimate partner violence (IPV).
- He raised a potential policy resolution for Council related to the Cleveland Metro area, where significant funds (\$200 million annually) are allocated for forensic/child abuse services without adequate staffing or service delivery.
- Additional discussion covered state and regional initiatives addressing child abuse, IPV, and pediatric mental health.
- Dr. Larkin suggested a conference call with various sections to discuss and work together.
- There was discussion about pediatric mental health as well and suicide prevention, screening, etc., and how admission to pediatric hospitals does not have the desired result of reducing/addressing these issues.
- Dr. Donaldson highlighted severe pediatric boarding issues, with some hospitals creating “living areas” for patients boarding six months or longer.

4. Federal and Reimbursement Updates

- Mr. McBride provided a federal update on government funding negotiations and the potential impacts of OBBBA on Medicaid and Medicare.
- He referenced the RAND report on identifying new funding pathways.
- The group discussed the need to identify procedural codes related to trauma, injury prevention, and counseling to increase RVUs.
 - Mr. McBride offered to connect the Section with the ACEP Reimbursement Team for support.
- A question was raised about ICE-related exams and associated reimbursement responsibilities.

5. Gun Violence Prevention and Research Funding

- Dr. Donaldson provided an update on the current firearm injury prevention research landscape, including significant federal funding cuts to CDC and NIH programs.
- Several Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) were not renewed, and some state governments rolled back firearm injury data collection efforts.
 - The Stop School Violence and Community Safety saw 20% declines.
- Consequences include data gaps, loss of surveillance capability, and higher reinjury rates (20–30% increases in some programs).
- Dr. Donaldson emphasized equity implications, as safety net trauma centers and marginalized populations are disproportionately affected.

6. Workplace Violence Prevention

- The group discussed workplace violence prevention initiatives and ACEP's advocacy efforts.
- Mr. McBride reviewed ACEP's federal legislative activity, partnerships with ENA and AHA, and related regulatory engagement with OSHA, CMS, and the Joint Commission.

7. Membership Survey Results

- Dr. Donaldson shared highlights from the membership survey:
 - Top interest areas: Mass casualty events (MCE) and disaster preparedness (75% of respondents).
 - Preferred meeting format: Quarterly live meetings with invited topic experts (primarily other EM physicians).

8. Upcoming Deadlines and Future Planning

- Dr. Larkin reminded attendees that ACEP26 content submission deadlines are approaching:
 - CME submissions: October 5, 2025
 - Off-track course submissions: June 1, 2026
- Dr. Donaldson confirmed plans for quarterly Section meetings and announced that Section leadership elections will be held at ACEP26.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. ET.